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11. (U) Post's responses to reftel:

Has the host country, in Post's opinion, worked to promote the advancement of democracy and human rights in Cuba?

No.

Has the host country made public statements or undertaken other governmental actions, such as resolutions in national assemblies condemning human rights abuses in Cuba; or actions in support of civil society in Cuba through the host country's diplomatic missions or other fora?

No.

Have there been any high-level diplomatic visits between Cuba and the host country in the past six months?

Yes. Cabinet level officials visited Cuba within the last six months.

What is the nature of investments (and names, if known) that host country businesses have in Cuba?

Neither the GoG nor Guyanese businesses has large scale investments in Cuba.

Are there any bilateral trade agreements or other cooperative agreements between host country and Cuba?

Post is not aware of any formal bilateral trade or other cooperative agreement between Guyana and Cuba except medical assistance programs described in the next section.

Are there any exchange programs between host country and Cuba, including but not limited to: scholarships for host country nationals to study in Cuba; Cuban-paid medical travel for host country nationals; and Cuban doctors working in the host country?

Each year at least 50 young Guyanese begin medical studies in Cuba, while in Guyana between 150 to 200 Cuban doctors deploy to hospitals and clinics throughout the country.

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